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Art walk builds Chicopee pride

By Dalton Zbierski
Staff writer

A new generation of creative community artists are redefining what it means to reside in Chicopee Center. The cultural revival occurring downtown made a momentous leap forward on Sept. 26, during the Chicopee Art Walk & Mural Unveiling with several completed mural on display.

On Saturday afternoon, a group of several dozen residents toured the West End, visiting four brand new murals epitomizing Chicopee's rich tradition. The event was organized by the Chicopee Cultural Council and its Chairperson Johnny Miranda.

"With these murals and the elements that we've incorporated into them, it's about building our Chicopee pride," said Miranda. "We want to enhance that Chicopee pride, help this community rise and make it a better neighborhood."

The murals unveiled last weekend represent City Hall, the U.S.S. Chicopee, the old Chicopee library and the Black Lives Matter movement. Each large scale piece took countless hours to complete, and the creative process occurred almost entirely in the public eye.

Bozema Chmielewski, a Polish immigrant, stands next to a mural she completed in Chicopee Center last year.

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Christina Bryden's mural of City Hall on Exchange Street reflected her love for the city she grew up in. Bryden, a self-proclaimed history buff, is a veteran artist but never before painted for an audience, making her recent experience a memorable one.

"I've always painted all by my lonesome; secluded. When I first started painting it everybody would start coming up to me sharing their own stories," said Bryden. "At first, I was all like, 'Oh, don't look at me,' but then it turned into this amazing thing. I've made a lot of different friends from all the different characters and people that are in Chicopee Center."

Miranda's mural of the U.S.S. Chicopee sits near Bryden's on Exchange Street and depicts a World War II military vessel named after the

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Horses learn to be mounted patrol members

By Dalton Zbierski
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The Chicopee Police Dept. may not currently boast a mounted unit, but one needn't venture outside of the city limits to witness a patrol horse in training.

Through her work with the Horses and Heroes Foundation, Chicopee resident Skyllar Mullvaney trains and connects horses with law enforcement agencies throughout the country.

"We have horses all over the United States," said Mullvaney. "Some of them are former race horses, and some are former show horses. We always want to make sure that the horse is in a unit where it will excel. We ask a lot of questions."

The Horses and Heroes Foundation is a nonprofit organization that shelters donated horses before connecting them with mounted police units in need of a new member.

Many come from departments that have retired their mounted units. Regardless of its origin, the foundation renames each animal after an officer who served with distinction.

In Sept. 2015, the foundation named a horse after Trooper John Vasquez, who suffered a non-fatal gunshot wound in a 2013 Chicopee shooting. Mullvaney is currently preparing "Perry," a horse named for Sgt. Norberto Perez, of the East Boston Police Dept.

During an Oct. 2016 shootout, Perez braved gunfire, helping to rescue a fellow officer, who suffered a severed femoral artery during the event and would have otherwise bled out, as was noted by law enforcement officials following the incident.

"The greatest thing is that when the horse is out patrolling and people are curious, the officer will explain that the horse is named after a police officer," said Mullvaney.

Perry will soon be delivered to the Virginia Beach Police Department, where he'll undergo a 90-day trial period. Mullvaney noted that Perry will be joined in Virginia by re-

Chicopee resident Skylar Mullvaney, of the Horses and Heroes Foundation, with Perry, who will soon join the Virginia Beach Police Department.

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New businesses celebrated

Polish Home has three new firms

By Dalton Zbierski
Staff Writer

A festive Friday afternoon at the Polish Home celebrated the evolution of one local business and the opening of another. On Sept. 18, a group of proud citizens gathered outside of the Grove Street building to support its new additions, "Thoren Optical" and "Smart Looks II Salon."

Thoren Optical, an optical studio, has existed in Chicopee for more than 60 years. On June 11, Kerry Bilski and Larry Pion acquired the business from Tom Shea, following Shea's retirement.

"This has been my first experience of owning a business, and that in itself gets me up and gets me going," said Pion. "I actually grew up in Chicopee, so I felt good about coming back to it, and it's absolutely wonderful and very heartwarm-

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Left, Brenda Fortin and Cindy Dzialo, owners of Smart Looks II Salon, which is now. Above, Mayor John Vieau congratulates numerous new business owners. Below, Mayor John Vieau and business owners of Thoren Optical and Smart Looks II Salon take part in a ribbon-cutting ceremony at the Polish Home on Sept. 18. STAFF PHOTOS BY DALTON ZBIERSKI

Mayor John Vieau congratulates Ken Goodrich, the owner of The Center for Martial Arts and Fitness.

Mayor John Vieau congratulates Thoren Optical staff.

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City works to prevent EEE, West Nile Virus

By Dalton Zbierski
Staff Writer

Despite other ailments that have plagued western Massachusetts in 2020, the city of Chicopee will not lose focus on working to beat the threat of Eastern Equine Encephalitis and West Nile Virus.

On Sept. 15, the Chicopee City Council elected to join the Pioneer Valley Mosquito Control District for a yearly fee of $5,000. The state-run program focuses exclusively on the region and will trap and test mosquitos in Chicopee, monitoring any traces of EEE or West Nile.

EEE is rare but a sometimes fatal infection that comes from an infected mosquito bite and causes inflammation of the brain. West Nile Virus is also caused by a mosquito bite and results in fever, headaches and a variety of other symptoms.

Ward 1 Councilor Joel McAuliffe proposed the membership after the city received numerous concerns about EEE and West Nile. McAuliffe considers the city's newfound affiliation with the district to be a "home run," and voiced his excitement during the Sept. 15 meeting.

"Joining the district will allow us to partner with other local communities at a low cost and be proactive to do things like spraying, participating in regional research and overall make sure that we are continuously staying focused on what amounts to a life and death scenario. Through proper preparation, we can provide proper mitigation," said McAuliffe.

Surrounding communities including East Longmeadow, Hadley, Holyoke, Northampton, Palmer, Southampton, South Hadley and West Springfield are all members of the district. Numerous councilors commended McAuliffe for his work with the Mayor's Office to make the membership a reality.

"I think this is a good order, particularly what I like about this order is they do the testing. It's a good idea and it's reasonable; $5,000. I mean, we're going to spend $24,550 on a truck. I think we can afford $5,000 to save the health of the community," said Councilor-at-Large James Tillotson in reference to a prior motion.

George Balakier, Ward 4 Councilor, noted that he was aware of concerns pertaining to Szot Park, Bemis Pond and other recreational sites in Chicopee located near bodies of water. Balakier shared Tillotson's outlook, acknowledging the service offers a worthwhile bang for the buck.

"I think for the cost there are great benefits, especially for a city of this size to join in a very cost-efficient financial arrangement. I'm in favor of this; it's a good deal for the city," said Balakier.

Balakier co-sponsored the order alongside Ward 6 Councilor Derek Dobosz, Ward 9 Councilor Stan Walczak and Councilor-at-Large Frank Laflamme. Considering that the district will also spray numerous sites that mosquitos frequent, Dobosz is confident that the membership will prove fruitful.

"I think this is going to be a really good thing for the city. A $5,000 state program to combat EEE; I think it's very, very cheap when you consider that they do the testing and a lot of the spraying," said Dobosz. "If we had to buy the supplies ourselves and have our own people do it, possibly for overtime, it would cost four or five times more than the $5,000. It's a very good deal and a very good state program."

Mayor sets example by getting shot, preparing for flu season

By Dalton Zbierski
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Chicopee Mayor John Vieau collaborated with the Stop & Shop, on Memorial Drive, during a Sept. 23 event highlighting the importance of receiving a flu shot. Vieau led by example, talking the talk and walking the walk as he received his shot.

"With the onset of the flu season, it is expected that we will face peaks of flu and COVID-19 cases at the same time. Merging an insignificantly mild flu system with a COVID-19 surge could overwhelm our healthcare systems very quickly," said Vieau, expressing his concerns.

Vieau noted people are fortunate a vaccine exists for the flu, an ailment that presents similar symptoms to the novel coronavirus. If a considerable portion of the city's population receives a flu shot, local hospitals are less likely to be overrun by individuals who do not have COVID-19.

"No one likes getting a shot," admitted Vieau. "However, it felt great to know that my sitting in the chair to get a flu shot helped encourage others to do the same. As I always say, we are collectively better together."

James Root, a regional pharmacy manager at Stop & Shop, oversees the pharmacy at the corporation's Chicopee location, as well as several others in and around Springfield. He emphasized that flu shots are free for most people.

"The vast majority of our flu shots are usually covered under a patient's specific insurance plan at no cost. There's a value for health plans to provide this protection to their patients from the flu. Providing the coverage at no cost is a great benefit to these people and these customers," said Root.

Over 250 Stop & Shop stores operate in the northeast and all include a pharmacy, said Root. For employees at each location, the corporation makes flu shots readily available.

"It's important to us to keep our associates safe and healthy as well," said Root. "Stop & Shop makes a commit to make flu shots available to all of our associates at no cost regardless if they have a health benefit or not. We host Health Week at this time every year to promote better living for our associates and provide these flu shots to all our associates."

Vieau does not underestimate the value of the municipality's healthy relationship with Stop & Shop, especially when considering the pandemic. Upon being asked to participate in the Sept. 23 initiative, Vieau did not hesitate.

"I get my flu shot annually and this year its more important than ever to get my flu vaccine, so when Stop & Shop asked, it was very easy to say yes," said Vieau. "I believe everyone should make getting one as part of their health care routine and they can safely get a flu vaccine at the local Stop & Shop pharmacy, and other locations, with no appointment necessary."

The CDC recommends that all residents six months and older receive a flu shot as flu season approaches. Root is capitalizing on the opportunity to venture beyond his everyday surroundings in an effort to spread awareness.

"Speaking specifically for myself, I've found it greatly rewarding to get out there," said Root. "It unites customers and different people in having a conversation with them regarding their health care. At this time of year, it's very rewarding to go from behind that counter and get to make a difference in the community."

Maria Lewis, Chicopee Stop & Shop pharmacy manager administers a flu shot to Chicopee Mayor John Vieau on Sept. 23,at the supermarket.

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ing to see everyone who has come out to greet us today."

Bilski and Pion were both employed by a local business that was sold to a large company last year. The pair decided to team up and follow their collective vision of owning an independent operation that puts its customers first.

"We missed that feel, and as a result of that, this was such an easy decision to make; to come back to a personal situation. It was so much better than that corporate feeling," said Pion.

Smart Looks II Salon is co-owned by Cindy Dzialo and Brenda Fortin. Smart Looks Salon has been in business for nearly three decades, and Dzialo and Fortin were inspired to expand the brand. "I'm looking forward to this new project and hoping everything goes well. So far so good; I love it," said Dzialo. "We're a hair salon; right now, we just do hair, whether it's haircuts, color, perms or blowouts. We're looking forward to getting a manicurist and a pedicurist and hopefully expanding to other girls to come and work with us as booth renters."

The Sept. 18 event was coordinated by the Chicopee Chamber of Commerce. Executive Director Julie Copoulos was blown away by the show of enthusiasm that defined the occasion.

"It's really wonderful to be able to come together as a community, especially after it's been so long since we've seen each other," she said. "I wholeheartedly believe in the power of partnerships. I think it's a very wonderful way to build community."

Thoren Optical and Smart Looks II are both chamber members. The chamber's annual membership fee is $300, a price that Copoulos considers to be a bargain.

"I think more than anything this event represents all these folks being connected. It shows that it means something to have someone at an event and be able to call on them for help three months down the road. Those connections are really powerful, and that's why people come out," said Copoulos.

Mayor John Vieau also attended the ribbon-cutting ceremony. Reiterating a message that he's shared many times, Vieau emphasized the significance of community-building events such as the one on Sept. 18.

"Small businesses are the backbone of Chicopee. We know that. It's nice to be able to share this experience with new stakeholders in our city," said Vieau. "If you're a small business owner, if you're part of the chamber and need a little bit of help, I think we can do that for you. Just reach out to my office or the Office of Community Development."

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In My Backyard

By Ellenor Downer

I often hear a common raven making its "gronk" call. Last week, when I went out to feed my chickens, it flew overhead making its call.

The common raven is a large all black bird. It is larger than an American crow and has a massive beak. It has a wedge shaped tail rather than the square or slightly rounded tail of the crow. The raven has long shaggy feathers on the chin and throat.

The female lays three to eight blue to greenish eggs with brown marks in a bulky nest of twigs, branches and earth. The nest is often placed on cliffs, but also trees and buildings. Breeding pairs tend to stay on their territory year round. They also form large, communal roosts in fall and winter, consisting mostly of non-breeding pairs.

Nectar loving woodpecker

The downy woodpecker continues to drink from my nectar feeder. The other day the woodpecker was at the feeder and a ruby-throated hummingbird flew to the feeder and hovered near it. The woodpecker flapped its wings and the hummingbird left. A few minutes late, two hummingbirds came and this time the woodpecker left.

A Wales resident has seen downy woodpeckers at her hummingbird feeders for the first time ever this year. She hung peanuts in the same location as the hummingbird feeder, over the winter, and maybe the woodpeckers returned looking for peanuts. They've developed a taste for the hummingbird food. She said it's not thirst as they have access to plenty of water.

Injured male cardinal

A Barre resident called the Ware River News/Barre Gazette office to report she had an injured male cardinal in her yard. She brought him to the Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine Center at Tufts University in North Grafton. He had a broken collarbone. They were able to help him and she brought him back home and released him. She knew that he would survive whatever injury he had because he was spunky and even grabbed hold of the skin on her finger and wouldn't let go.

Hummingbird on burdock flowers

I saw a hummingbird flitting from flower to flower on the burdocks in my backyard. I've also seen bees gathering pollen from them.

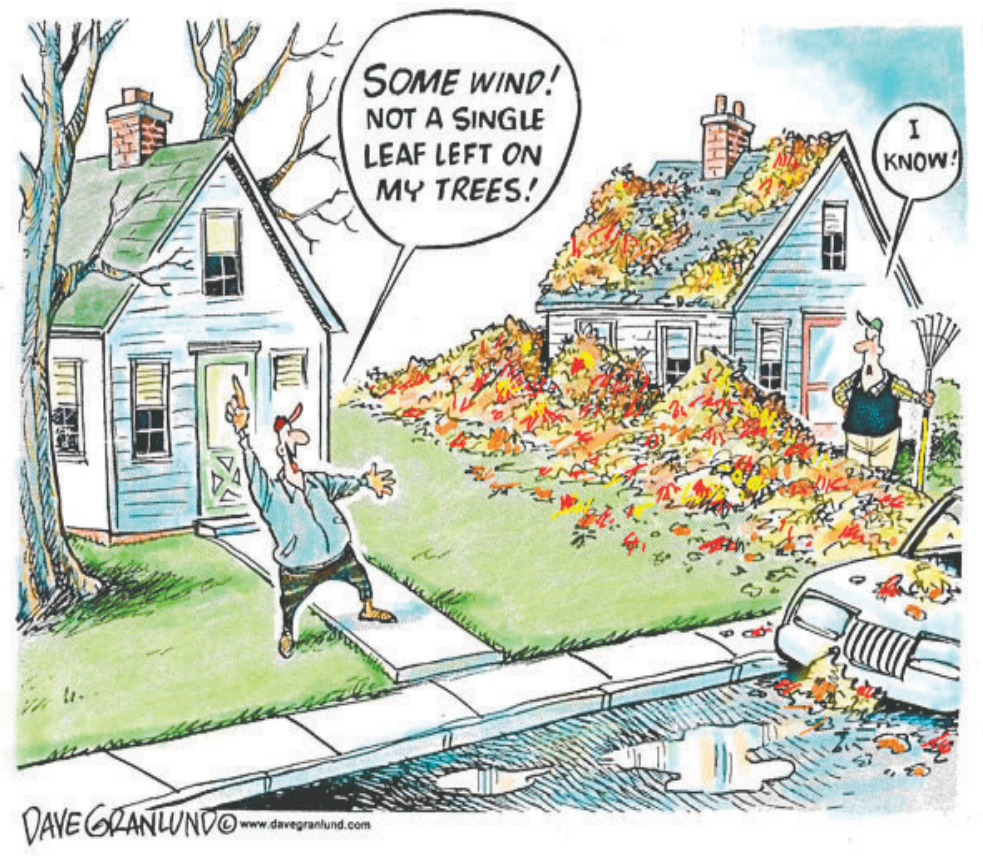
Baltimore oriole pair

An Oakham resident sent an email. She had a male and a female Baltimore Oriole at her feeders in late August. She said, "After I saw them, I quickly put out some grape jelly for them to enjoy. I do not understand why Baltimore Orioles are coming now so late in the season. Maybe they are a traveling pair from up north heading to Mexico and stopped for a meal."

Great blue herons

When traveling by Long Pond in Rutland, I often see a great blue heron on one side or the other of Route 122. This past week, I spotted two great blue herons, one on each side of the road.

People may report a bird sighting or bird related experience by calling me at 413-967-3505, leaving a message at extension 100 or emailing mybackyard88@aol.com or edowner@turley.com.



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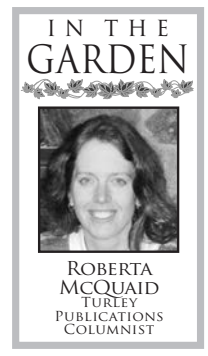
The Garden Lady takes on fall questions



A gardener from Ware is curious about the difference between dried and fresh herbs. "I grew and dried numerous herbs this summer and have begun to use them in recipes. Why do you need less of an herb if it is in dried form? It would seem to be reverse!"

Fresh herbs, by weight, contain a great deal of water. Once dried, the essential oils, which is what gives the herb its flavor, become concentrated. Because of that, most recipes will call for only one-third to one-half of a dried herb if it is being substituted for a fresh herb in a recipe. To dry herbs from your garden, simply harvest a few stems, secure them with a rubber band and hang them upside-down in a dark, well-ventilated area.

A reader in Belchertown wrote in with this question: "I was surprised to find a small peach tree growing out of my lazy-man's compost pile. I am sure it is a peach because part of the pit is still attached. Can you tell me if this was just a fluke, or can peaches be started from seed that easily?"

Peach pits will often grow into peach trees without much work on our part. Simply plant a moistened pit two to three inches deep in the soil and wait until spring, that's when germination will likely occur. The variety you get may or may not be as great-tasting or as large as its parentage but it makes for a fun experiment nevertheless. Trees that grew from pits in our compost pile over a decade ago are still supplying my Mom with teenie but tasty peaches. Last fall I purposely planted some pits from some awesome-tasting peaches and luckily, one sprouted. Sometimes they take more than a year to germinate; maybe I'll be surprised with a few more next spring.

This question was posed by Marie who reads the column from South Hadley: "I heard once that you can store pots of geraniums and begonias in the basement over the winter. Basically you just cut them back and ignore them, then come spring begin watering them again. Is this true? I'd love to be able to save my plants for use next season, but don't have the window space upstairs to do so."

Sure, here is how it's done: Before you put your plants in storage allow the soil in the pot to dry somewhat. Then, cut the plants back to a couple of inches above the crown and set them in their winter home. Besides the cellar, unheated rooms, enclosed porches or other spaces that don't freeze and aren't too damp work well. Check them every few weeks and water sparingly if necessary, never letting the soil dry out completely. When spring comes, gradually begin to introduce sunlight. Once the threat of frost has passed the plants can go outside for the summer months. If last year's potting soil is "exhausted" of nutrients, carefully repot the plant into new soil. Prune away any weak branches and give it some liquid fertilizer. For a bit of work you might be able to reuse your plants and spare your wallet! Besides geraniums and begonias, the method of overwintering can work with fuchsias, coleus, New Guinea impatiens and some of the new Proven Winner and Proven Selection plants. Good luck!!

Roberta McQuaid graduated from the Stockbridge School of Agriculture at the University of Massachusetts. For the last 28 years, she has held the position of staff horticulturalist at Old Sturbridge Village. She enjoys growing food as well as flowers. Have a question for her? Email it to ekennedy@turley.com with "Gardening Question" in the subject line.

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cently-retired Chicopee Detective and Student Resource Officer Johnny Jusino.

Readying a horse for such a transition is no easy task. Each animal must be trained to thrive while surrounded by large groups of people in various environments.

"We work on the things that we want to make sure they know how to do," said Mullvaney. "Are they safe to trailer to get to their destination and can they be tied to a tree and stand there? That's because you have to saddle them. How are they when you get on their back; do they walk, trot or canter? Those are the basics."

Mullvaney lives in close proximity to the Westover Air Reserve base and often walks Perry along the street to the outer perimeter of the military facility. Thus far, she's been quite impressed by Perry's composure.

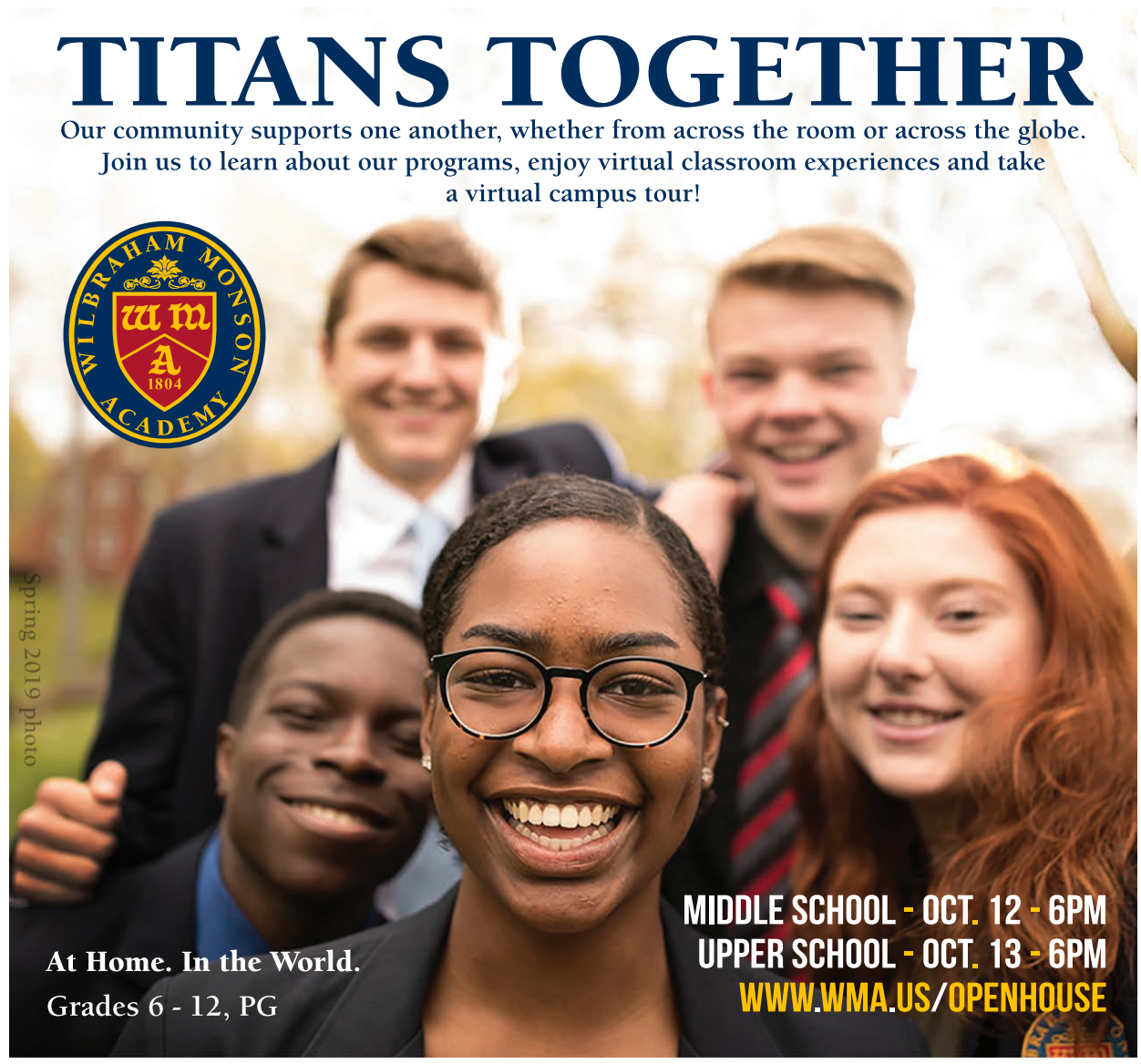
"You have to introduce them to and expose them to traffic. How are they? Last week, we brought Perry down to the airport. He loved it; he saw the planes coming in, and that's his thing," said Mullvaney. "When we're walking down the street, we make sure that the horse is safe; you don't want an event that's going to cause negativity."

While mounted units are dwindling in the United States, they remain valuable in many locations. Mullvaney noted that horses can maneuver into areas that patrol cruisers can't and talked about the value of a patrol horse in 2020.

"Horses are helpful with crowd control, community relations, they're able to get into areas that a patrol car can't get into," she said. "Sometimes, they bring everyone together. Community relations with the general public are very important, and the officers on horseback do write a lot of tickets. I've even seen them doing radar and making arrests by horseback."

For more information about the Horses and Heroes Foundation, go to the organization's Facebook page.

Skylar Mullvaney, of Horses and Heroes Foundation, with Perry, at her Chicopee facility. She is working with the horse so he can join the Virginia Beach Police Department's mounted patrol. *STAFF PHOTOS BY DALTON ZBIERSKI*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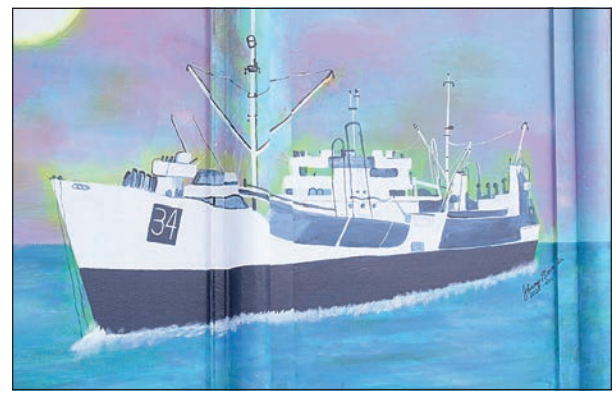
The Cintron siblings chalk the sidewalk in front of City Hall during the Sept. 26 art walk. *STAFF PHOTOS BY DALTON ZBIERSKI*

Eddie Saturn, an aspiring rapper who performed in Chicopee Center last weekend, displays the logo of the Chicopee Cultural Council.

Cultural Council Chairperson Johnny Miranda addresses several dozen residents during the Sept. 26 art walk.



A mural of the U.S.S. Chicopee by artist Johnny Miranda.

Black Lives Matter mural with musician Eddie Saturn standing in front of it.

"Time Was," a local acapella group," performed during the Sept. 26 art walk.

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With her mural of City Hall beside her, Christina Bryden speaks to an audience on Exchange Street last Saturday.

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Chicopee River. Miranda is optimistic the mural will inspire others to expand their horizons.

"The reason I wanted to paint this ship is because I want us to step out of our small city mentality," said Miranda. "If our river was so important that a ship was named after it, we should be prideful about that and we should take pride in the elements that make up Chicopee, whether it's City Hall or the U.S.S. Chicopee or these murals that we created for you."

Murals were far from the only creative pieces displayed during Saturday's walk, which provided participants sticks of chalk to draw positive imagery on the sidewalk. Numerous musicians and painters showed off their versatile talents as well.

Among them was Eddie Saturn, a Chicopee Center resident and aspiring rapper. Saturn performed several uplifting songs and talked about the significance of returning art and culture to the West End.

"It's wonderful because I think art and education are the seeds that grow into a better society; a better world," said Saturn. "This is really about community, education and art. We're teaching the kids that they can do this if they want to, and this is some of the stuff they can make."

Also present was Sharon Jacobson-Deragon, a painter and member of "Time Was," a local acapella group that often performed downtown prior to the pandemic. Making her return, Jacobson-Deragon could think of no better place to be on the afternoon of Sept. 26.

"After six months, it's beautiful to get out here; it's really uplifting to see this happening," she said. "Art is critical for everybody even on their own, but when you bring it altogether in a community, it's a display of everybody together."

The Black Lives Matter mural can be found on the side of Yaad Food, a Caribbean restaurant on Cabot Street. The mural was designed by Lexi Fox, who received help constructing it from Miranda, Leslie Saree and Lydia Freytes.

The fourth mural was designed by Saree; numerous volunteers aided her in its construction.

More information regarding the downtown murals and future projects can be found on the Cultural Council's Facebook page.

To reach Staff Writer Dalton Zbierski, one can email daltonzbierski@turley.com.

Girls soccer returns

The Chicopee High School girls soccer was back working out at the high school turf. The Pacers are set to open the season later this week. Clockwise from top left, Avery Placzek looks for an open teammate. Coach Ashley Ziemba observes her team in action. Julia Fretta runs after the loose ball. Trinity Baush makes a quick pass.

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Pacers back in action

The Chicopee High School boys soccer team returned to the field to prepare for an abbreviated season set to start this week. Top photo, The Chicopee High School boys soccer team works out at practice last week. Above left, Nathan Barnald makes his way up the field. Above, Coach Tom Rivet watches closely as his team does drills. Left, Omar Aljashaam takes a long kick.

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Five 2020 track champions crowned at Monadnock Speedway

WINCHESTER, N.H. – Aaron Fellows (Croydon, NH), Chase Curtis (Rutland, MA), Nathan Wenzel (Granby, MA), and Mike Douglas (Northfield, MA) each won championships Saturday, September 26 at Monadnock Speedway, with Fellows and Wenzel both scoring Super Saturday feature wins on the final event of the season.

NHSTRA Modified ace Brian Robie had clinched his division's 2020 crown a week earlier but, strongly in the hunt for top NASCAR Division 1 points – he entered Saturday's event tied for fourth in the national ranking – the Sunapee speedster was third in Saturday's 40-lap main event.

Swanzey, NH hot shoe Todd Patnode, the speedway's Modified champion a year ago, moved up to second in the final 2020 tally by winning his fourth feature race of the year. Hillary Renaud (Vernon, VT) & topped the Street Stocks, impressive in her second victory of the summer.

The Heartbreak of The Day trophy went to Gordon Farnum Sunday. The six-race-winning Mini Stock hot shoe was an early-race victim, dropping him deep in the field and six points shy of a championship.

In the Modified 40-lapper, Patnode took the lead from Rookie of The Year Solomon Brow on lap 20 and never looked back. Brian Chapin followed Patnode to the front but could advance no farther. Robie (Sunapee, NH) concluded his championship season third on the day, just ahead of Brow.

Hillary Renaud led all the way to win her second Street Stock feature of the season Sunday. Chase Curtis, who entered the season finale two points ahead of his twin brother Jaret, got up for second on lap three and followed Renaud the rest of the way to earn the championship. Chris Buffone was third.

In the season-long battle of the talented still-live-at-home 16-year-old twins, Chase earned the 2020 Monadnock Street Stock crown six points ahead of brother Jaret.

Aaron Fellows took control on lap five of the Late Model Sportsman feature and blasted away to his 12th win of the summer, finishing far ahead of Justin Littlewood and 14-year-old hot shoe Camdyn Curtis.

While Fellows had also won the night before to wrap up his 13th championship at Claremont, his 2020 Monadnock crown is his first title ever at the high-banked speedplant.

Nathan Wenzel won the Mini Stock championship by dominating Saturday's 25-lapper for his second win of the year. When six-time winner Gordon Farnum saw his championship hopes evaporate because of someone else's bull-and-jam racing on lap three, Wenzel had a clear path to the title.

Kevin Cormier came from tenth on the starting grid to earn runner-up honors, and 2019 division champion Louie Maher Jr. was third.

Green Mountain Boy Kodi Sabins, the day after he'd both announced his en-

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Help feature your student-athletes in our sports section and online

The fall season is starting and Turley Publications is looking forward to getting back out on the field to bring you the high school action for all your favorite teams. We know this fall season is important to many senior athletes, who watched Class of 2020 lose their entire spring season. We're asking for help on this upcoming season in order to bring the best coverage we can possibly manage and fill our pages with names and color.

We know that fans will be limited to the home crowds, but that is where you all come in. We have a limited number of staff to start the school year due to the pandemic, and while we strive to get to as many games as possible, we cannot get to everywhere. If you are a parent, coach, or even player, and you have information or photographs to share, we definitely want to hear from you. If you don't see one of our photographers at a game, please feel free to send your own action photos of games in order to bolster our coverage. If you are interested in regularly submitted photos, please do contact us.

Otherwise, we would love to hear from anyone who reports scores, details, and any milestones that occur during this unprecedented season. Please be sure the information you provide us is accurate and check with coaches, if necessary, before submitting.

We also encourage all coaches to submit their results and details as much as possible. Send any and all information and photos for inclusion to sports@turley.com.

Chicopee Parks Department offering Youth Soccer Skills and Drills Clinics

CHICOPEE – The Chicopee Parks Department is now taking registrations for its Youth Soccer Skills and Drills Clinics that will take place Saturdays Oct. 10, 17, 24, and 31, at Szetela Park in Chicopee. The program is available for Chicopee residents only and will cost $25 to participate.

Children in grades one and two will go from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m., followed by children in grades three and four from 10:45 to 11:45 a.m., and those in grades five and six from noon to 1 p.m. The clinics will be run by the premier coaches from AJAC and the Knights of Columbus. Children will learn all facets of the game from footwork, passing, shooting, defense and much more. While participating, the children must wear masks as a necessary safety precaution. The Parks Department asks that all bring their own ball and water bottles.

To register and to get more information, please go to www.chicopeerec.com. There is a maximum number of participants that can be on the field at once, so please sign up as soon as possible.

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gagement and won the 2020 championship at Claremont, dominated the Pure Stock feature. Coming from way back in row eight, Sabins took the lead from rookie Brandon Lavoie on lap15 and then drove away, taking the checkers far ahead of Lavoie and Joey Jarvis.

Mike Douglas, seventh on the day, earned his first-ever track championship, unseating 2019 track champ Chris Davis, who finished fourth on the day and second on the season.

In the mayhem of the nightcap 62-lap Linda Zubrino Memorial Enduro, Matt Gauffin came from 48th on the starting grid and passed Leon Keniston on lap 45 to top the frantic 70-car field.

GSPSS regular Josh King was dominant in winning a five-car, ten-lap Spectator Race.

Saturday's Championship Day event was the 15th and final program of the pandemic-shortened 2020 racing season at the high-banked quarter mile. None of the track's 2019 titlists were able to duplicate their success of last summer.

Monadnock Speedway will close out the 2020 Season hosting two Mudbogs on Sunday, October 4 and Sunday, October 18. More information can be found at monadnockspeedway.com.

MONADNOCK SPEEDWAY
SEPTEMBER 25 RESULTS:

Pure Stocks: Kodi Sabens, Brandon Lavoie, Joey Jarvis, Chris Davis, CJ Johnson, Nick Houle, Mike Douglas, Robert Shaw, Cory Lofland, Matt Lambert, Jason Leray, JD Stockwell, Doug Nelson, Steve Zebrowski, Sean Lantas, Dylan Adams, Jim Decroucy, Bruce Clark, Justin Faford, Jimmy Zellman

Mini Stocks: Nathan Wenzel, Kevin Cormier, Louis Maher II, Tim Leblanc, Kevin McKnight, Kevin Clayton, Jeff Asselin, Jeff Heath, Todd Taylor, Jake Puchalski, William Chaffee, Ethan Marsh, Pat Houle, Gordon Farnum, Shelby Avery

Late Model Sportsman: Aaron Fellows, Justin Littlewood, Camdyn Curtis, Cole Littlewood, Robert Hagar, Willie Kuhn, Joe Bates, Tyler Lescord, John Meany, Scott Beck, Matt Winter, MIke Heffernan, Nancy Muni Ruot, Eric Martel, Keith Johnson, Dan Comeau

Street Stocks: Hillary Renaud, Chase Curtis, Chris Buffone, Jaret Curtis, Mike Radzuik, Tim Wenzel, Nathan Wenzel, Richard Vincent, Robbie Streeter, Ed Brehio III

NHSTRA Modifieds: Todd Patnode, Brian Chapin, Brian Robie, Solomon Brow, Cory Plummer, Joel Monahan, Brad Zahensky, Kevin Pittsinger, Jerry Gomarlo, Eric Leclair, Kim Rivet, Trevor Bleau

Aaron Fellows captured the late model sportsman title last Saturday. SUBMITTED PHOTOS

Nathan Wenzel, of Granby, won the mini-stock title.

Chicopee Falls Woman's Club awards scholarships

CHICOPEE – The Chicopee Falls Woman's Club is happy to announce the scholarship recipients for 2020. They are are Sean Frechette and Mitchell Jezouit.

Sean Frechette is the grandson of member Josephine Frederick. He is a 2020 graduate of Pathway Academy of Technology and Design in Hartford, Connecticut. He will be attending Holberton College, in New Haven, Connecticut, this fall.

Sean Frechette

Mitchell Jezouit

Mitchell Jezouit is the grandson of member Cindy Kirejczyk. He is a 2020 graduate of Mount Greylock Regional High School in Williamstown. He will be attending the Isenberg School of Management at the University of Massachusetts in Amherst.

Every year the Chicopee Falls Woman's Club awards scholarships to children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren of current club members.

Class of 2024 enrolled at Nichols College

DUDLEY – The newest class is welcomed to Nichols College, which includes Brennan Dort and Kendall Walsh IV, both of Chicopee.

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Chicopee students make HCC dean's list

HOLYOKE – Each semester, Holyoke Community College recognizes superior scholarship through the dean's list. A student is placed on the dean's list if their G.P.A. is 3.2 or higher. The students listed below have earned dean's list honors for the summer 2020 term.

Those students include Jennifer Lyn Badershall, Paris Love Beaudette, Sarah Jean Carr, Chelsea Crochiere, Trinity Joyce Ducharme, Martha Jean Gagnon, Charmian Michelle Gibbs, Nicole L. Moya, Erin K. Noonan, Kari Shay Ribadeneyra and Dalton James Smith, all of Chicopee.

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SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

To: The Heirs and Assigns of JOHN S. PALYS

A Petition to Enforce the State Sanitary Code has been filed in the Western Division Housing Court concerning the property located at 157 Ruskin Street, Chicopee, Massachusetts.

Any person having a connection to this property or information as to the whereabouts of the owner is instructed to contact the Chicopee Law Department, 17 Springfield Street, Chicopee, MA 01013, at 413-594-1520 at cpikula@chicopeema.gov or in writing, no later than 10 days after the date of this publication.

If no one comes forward claiming an interest in this property after 10 days of the notice of publication, the City has been authorized by the Court to enter the property, remove overgrowth and debris, and place a lien on the property.
10/01/2020

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The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Hampden Division
50 State Street
Springfield, MA 01103
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Docket No. HD20P1602EA
Estate of:
Anselma Agudelo
Date of Death: 2/28/2020
INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Henry Agudelo** of Feeding Hills, MA.

Henry Agudelo of Feeding Hills, MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve **without** surety on the bond.

The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.
10/01/2020

Notice of Sale

By MA Gen Laws c.255, Sec39A, **CHUCK'S TOWING**, 78 West St., Chicopee, MA is holding a private sale for a vehicle October 21, 2020 to satisfy garage keepers lien for storage and towing charges and expenses of notices of sale.

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Date of Tow: 10-25-2013
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9/24, 10/1, 10/8/2020

INVITATION FOR BID
CHICOPEE ELECTRIC LIGHT
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BID NO. CEL 20-0486
ISSUE DATE: October 1, 2020

Sealed proposals are being accepted for: "**15 kV 500 COPPER URD PRIMARY CABLE**"

BID OPENING DATE, TIME AND LOCATION: **October 15, 2020 @ 11:00 AM.** at Chicopee Electric Light, 725 Front Street, Chicopee, MA 01020.

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Bid documents are available at the business office located at 725 Front Street, Chicopee, MA 01020-1778.

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The Department reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, or to accept any proposal that in the opinion of the Municipal Light Board, is in the best interest of the Municipal Lighting Plant.

Please submit Bids in **duplicate** clearly marked with the Bid Number and Title:
BID NUMBER: CEL 20-0486
ATTN. NATALIE COLBERG
TITLE: "15 kV 500 COPPER URD PRIMARY CABLE"

Natalie Colberg, Purchasing
10/01/2020

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Hampden Probate and Family Court
50 State Street
Springfield, MA 01103
(413)748-7758
Docket No. HD20P1588EA
Estate of: Joan R Homan
Date of Death: 07/27/2020
CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

To all interested persons:

A Petttion for **Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Agawam Healthcare** of Agawam MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other re lief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that: **Matthew Weir** of Holden MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **With Corporate Surety** on the bond in **an unsupervised** administration.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: **10:00 a.m. on the return day of 10/21/2020**.

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)

A Personal RepresentatiA Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.

WITNESS, Hon. **Barbara M Hyland,** First Justice of this Court.
Date: September 16, 2020
Suzanne T. Seguin
Register of Probate
10/01/2020

SALE OF MOTOR VEHICLES
Under G.L. c.255 Sec. 39A

Notice is hereby given by Interstate Towing, Inc. pursuant to the provisions of G.L. c. 255, section 39A, that on October 1, 2020 at Interstate Towing, Inc the following Motor Vehicles will be sold at private sale to satisfy our garage keeper's lien thereon for storage, towing charges, care and expenses of notices and sale of said vehicles.

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Chicopee, MA 01020

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Miguelina Henriquez
18 Hamilton Street
Lawrence, MA 01841

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VIN:2HGES16581H574546
Tyler Santos
1 Belden Court Apt 3
Agawam, MA 01001

2001 HONDA ODYSSEY EX
VIN:2HKRL18681H606230
Jo King Harris
310 Ormand Drive
Indialantic, FL 32903

2001 LINCOLN TOWN CAR CARTIER
VIN:1LNHM83WX1Y718420
Ronald Gagne
5 Hillcrest Park
South Hadley, MA 01056

2002 CHRYSLER 300M
VIN:2C3AE66G02H101586
Timothy Soboleski
26 ½ Parker Street
Indian Orchard, MA 01151

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VIN:5FNRL18032B040067
Jose Hernandez
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Providence, RI 02907

2004 AUDI A4
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Rafael Rivera
10 Clarence Terr. Fl H3
Lawrence, MA 01841

2005 DODGE CARAVAN SXT
VIN:1D8GP45RX5B232613
Carlos Zelaya
132 Cottage Street Apt 1
Chelsea, MA 02150

2006 HONDA PILOT LX
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Tanya Lindquist
65 Preblerd Apt
Bowdoinham, ME 04008

2005 STOUGHTON TRAILER
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A&E Trucking
393 Douglas Pike
North Smithfield, RI 08296

2006 INFINITI G35
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Arnold Silverstein
15124 Players Way
Glenwood, MD 21738

2006 SUBARU LEGACY OUTBACK 2.5
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Terry Ward
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2007 KIA SEDONA EX/LX
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2007 TOYOTA SIENNA CE/LE
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2008 BUICK ENCLAVE CXL
VIN:5GAER237X8J250286
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2009 HYUNDAI SANTA FE GLS
VIN:5NMSG13D19H312043
Jean Marie McGivney-Brunelle
Gratten Street
Chicopee, MA 01020

2013 HONDA ACCORD LX
VIN:1HGCR2F33DA200811
Emmanuel Nunez Fernandez
117 School Street Apt 1
Roxbury, MA 02119

2014 HONDA CR-V LX
VIN:2HKRM4H38EH663604
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Henry Mumford
654 Cross Keys Road
Sicklerville, NJ 08081

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Hertz
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SUZUKI GSX 600
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9/17, 9/24, 10/01/2020

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Hampden Division
50 State Street
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Docket No. HD20P1564EA
Estate of:
Arlene Elizabeth Jones
Also Known As:
Arlene E. Jones
Date of Death:
June 17, 2020
INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Corey A Jones** of Craftsbury VT a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

Corey A Jones of Craftsbury VT has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve **without surety** on the bond.

The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.
10/01/2020

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Hampden Probate and Family Court
50 State Street
Springfield, MA 01103
Docket No. HD20P1607GD
In the interests of
Jayden Mancuso-Packard
formerly of Chicopee, MA
of Bradenton, FL
Minor
NOTICE AND ORDER: Petition for Appointment of Guardian of a Minor
NOTICE TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES

1. **Hearing Date/Time**: A hearing on a Petition for Appointment of Guardian of a Minor filed on **09/17/2020** by **Maria R Mancuso of Chicopee, MA; Emilio Mancuso of Chicopee, MA,** will be held **10/21/2020 11:20 AM Motion.** Located: **www.zoomgov.com, Meeting ID 1615070715, Dial in 646-828-7666, Judge Hyland**

2. **Response to Petition**: You may respond by filing a written response to the Petition or by appearing in person at the hearing. If you choose to file a written response, you need to:

File the original with the Court; and

Mail a copy to all interested parties at least five (5) business days before the hearing.

3. **Counsel for the Minor**: The minor (or an adult on behalf of the minor) has the right to request that counsel be appointed for the minor.

4. **Counsel for Parents:** If you are a parent of the minor child who is the subject of this proceeding you have a right to be represented by an attorney. If you want an attorney and cannot afford to pay for one and if you give proof that you are indigent, an attorney will be assigned to you. Your request for an attorney should be made immediately by filling out the Application of Appointment of Counsel form. Submit the application form in person or by mail at the court location where your case is going to be heard.

5. **Presence of the Minor at Hearing**: A minor over age 14 has the right to be present at any hearing, unless the Court finds that it is not in the minor's best interests.
Date: September 17, 2020
Suzanne T. Seguin
Register of Probate
10/01/2020

Chicopee Register
OBITUARY POLICY

Turley Publications offers two types of obituaries.

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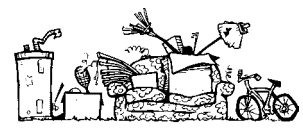

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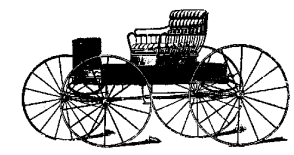

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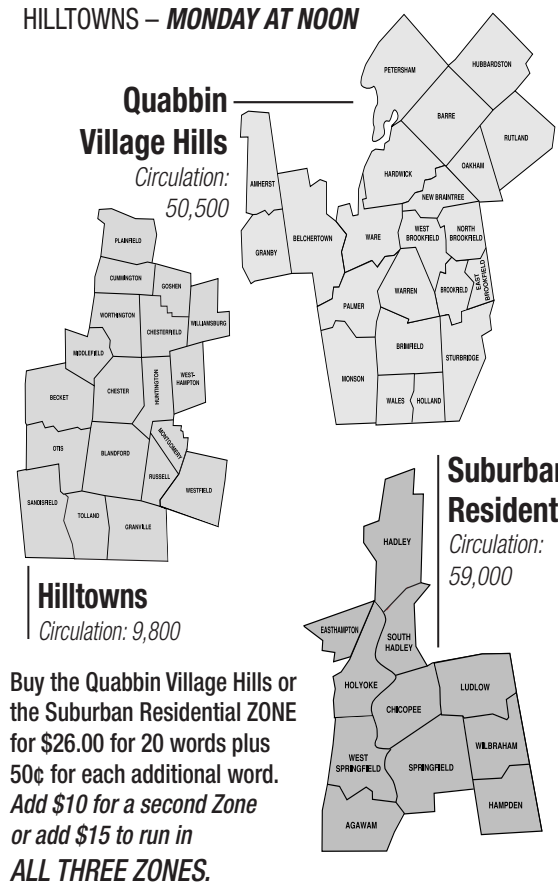

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